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1. SUMMARY. LARG PREMIER JALLUD, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER 12 EDITION OF THE FRG WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE, DER SPIEGEL, TOOK A HARD LINE TOWARDS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTLING CURRENT MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. HE DEMANDED A CHANGE IN WESTERN
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EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ARABS.

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JALLUD, WHO WAS CALLED BY THE MAGAZINE THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN IN LIBYA AFTER QADHAFI AND IS, ACCORDING TO UNNAMED WESTERN NEWSPAPERS, THE TERROR OF THE OIL COMPANIES, DISMISSED THE EC-9 DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6 AS EYEWASH SINCE IT WAS NOT FOLLOWED BY ANY ACTIONS. HE DEMANDED SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE BY SUCH ACTIONS AS DELIVERING MODERN ARMS TO THE ARABS IN EXCHANGE FOR ARAB OIL, AND CUTTING OFF OF ALL AID TO ISRAEL. HE CALLED THE BOYCOTT OF THE NETHERLANDS A LAST WARNING TO EUROPE TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE BEFORE THE BOYCOTT WAS EXTENDED TO ALL OF EUROPE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE INTERVIEW JALLUD MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON RELATED TOPICS:

A. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT EGYPT AND SYRIA HAD DIFFERENT GOALS FROM THE LARG, HE LEVELLED CRITICISM ON BOTH FOR THEIR CONDUCT OF THE WAR; HE MAINTAINED THAT SINAI AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS COULD HAVE BEEN FREED BY ATTACKING AT DIFFERENT POINTS AND WITH DIFFERENT METHODS. HE DENIED THAT QADHAFI OPPOSED THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. SINCE, IN JALLUD'S VIEW, MODERN WARFARE FORCES THE ARABS TO DEVELOP SPECIAL MEASURES (UNSPECIFIED) TO DEAL WITH ISRAEL, HE WOULD HAVE EMPLOYED A DIFFERENT STRATEGY.

B. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT SYRIA AND EGYPT'S APPARENT AGREEMENT TO FIGHT ONLY FOR THE FREEING OF THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967, DURING WHICH THE REPORTER QUOTED QADHAFI AS DEMANDING THE FREEING OF ALL OF PALESTINE FROM THE JEWISH YOKE, JALLUD APPEARED TO SIDE-STEP THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT THE LARG WOULD CONCEDE TO ISRAEL THE RIGHT TO EXIST AS A STATE BY CLAIMING THERE WERE TWO PROBLEMS. FIRST, HE SAID, ISRAEL HAD TO GIVE UP THOSE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED AS A RESULT OF THE 1967 WAR. SECOND, HE SAID THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AROSE DUE TO THE COLONIZATION OF THE AREA BY JEWS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES, WHO PLACED PALESTINE
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UNDER A FOREIGN YOKE. LATER ON, HE SAID IT WAS EUROPE'S OBLIGATION TO ASSIST IN LIFTING THE YOKE. FIN-ALLY, WHEN ASKED IF THE LARG WANTED TO END THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE, WHICH LIKE LIBYA IS A MEMBER OF THE UN, JALLUD CLAIMED THAT THE FOUNDATION OF ISRAEL WAS NOT BASED ON A UN RESOLUTION.

C. JALLUD CHARACTERIZED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ARABS AND

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THE SOVIET UNION (OVER USSR ALLOWING JEWS TO MIGRATE TO ISRAEL)AS ONES BETWEEN FRIENDS. HE REJECTED ANY ARAB ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE SOVIET BEHAVIOR REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST, SAYING THE USSR WAS FOLLOWING ITS OWN INTEREST. HOWEVER, HALLUD CONNECTED THE US AND EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND CHARACTERIZED THIS SUPPORT AS ONE FOR AN UNJUST CAUSE.

D. JALLUD DISMISSED THE EC-9 DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6 AS PAYING LIP SERVICE TO NEUTRALITY.

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HE SPECIFICALLY CONNECTED THE USG AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BY SAYING BOTH HAD GIVEN SUCH DECLARATIONS IN THE PAST AND SINCE THEY WERE NOT FOLLOWED BY ANY ACTIONS, IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO BELIEVE IN THEM. IN ORDER TO BELIEVE IN THE NEUTRALITY OF THE EUROPEANS, JALLUD DEMANDED TWO THINGS. FIRST EUROPEANS MUST STOP ALL AID TO ISRAEL INCLUDING ECONOMIC AID AND THE SHIPMENT OF REPLACEMENT PARTS, UNTIL ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM THE OCCUPIED, I.E., SINCE 1967, ARAB TERRITORIES. SECOND,
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THE EUROPEANS HAVE TO LIFT THEIR WEAPON EMBARGO AND NOT DENY "TO ME IMPORTANT WEAPONS NEEDED TO FIGHT AGAINST MY AGGRESSOR." IN THIS CONNECTION, JALLUD DENIED ARABS ALREADY HAD SUFFICIENT WESTERN WEAPONS AND HE DIDN'T COMMENT ON THE SUPPLY OF MODERN SOVIET WEAPONS. REGARDING THE WESTERN WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH MIRAGES ALREADY ON HAND, IN THE LARG, JALLUD SAID THEY WERE NOT EMPLOYED IN THE WAR SINCE THEY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED EFFECTIVELY AS THE LARG TRAINING PROGRAM WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED. HE SAIDEUROPEWOULD HAVE TO SUPPLY EXPERTS TO TRAIN LIBYANS ALONG WITH ANY WEAPONS. JALLUED CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT THEY, I.E. THE ARABS, COULD NOT PUT UP WITH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN SUPPLY OF WEAPONS TO THE ISRAELI AGRESSOR AND NOT TO THE VICTIMS. IN ADDITION HE UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE ARABS. HE SAID THAT IF EUROPE AND AMERICA RECOGNIZED THIS NEED, THEN WORLD PEACE WOULD BE SERVED. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT IF THE LARG SENDS STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT PETROLEUM TO EUROPE, THEN EUROPE SHOULD SEND STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT WEAPONS TO THE ARABS. (COMMENT: JALLUD WAS EMPHATIC ON THE NEED FOR WEAPONS, THE FACT THAT TECHNICAL COOPERATION WOULD SERVE WORLD PEACE, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OIL AND WEAPONS SUPPLY. END COMMENT.)

E.CALLING THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC A COLONY OF THE UNITED STATES HE BRUSHED OFF THE RECENT US/FRG DISPUTE AS A PROPAGANDA EXERCISE COMPLETELY ARRANGED IN ADVANCE.

F. WITH REGARD TO THE OIL BOYCOTT OF THE NETHERLANDS, JALLUD CALLED IT "A LAST WARNING TO THE EUROPEANS TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE." HE TRHEATENED TO EXTEND THE BOYCOTT TO THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN CONTINENT IF THIS DID

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NOT HAPPEN.

G. WHILE SIDESTEPPING QUESTIONS ON HOW LONG THE PRESENT BOYCOTT WOULD LAST AND IF THE ARABS WERE UNIFIED THIS TIME, JALLUD CLAIMED THAT THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF THE US WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROOF THAT ALL ARABS HAVE FINALLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST ISRAEL WAS A FIGHT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, SINCE ISRAEL WAS THE 51ST STATE. HE CLEARLY STATED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO USE OIL AS A WEAPON SO LONG AS EUROPE REFUSES "TO GIVE ME THESE WEAPONS", AGAIN CONNECTING THE ARAB OIL SUPPLY TO WEAPONS DELIVERIES.

H. CLAIMIN THE ARABS HAD THOUGHT THROUGH THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLICATION OF A REVERSE BOYCOTT BY WESTERN COUNTRIES AGAINST THE ARABS, DRIVING DOWN THE LATTER'S STANDARD OF LIVING, JALLUD DISMISSED THAT OUT OF HAND, CLAIMING IT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE ARABS'COMMITTMENT, SINCE THE ARABS HAVE NOTHING MORE TO LOSE.

I. FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONCERNING A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO A NATO DIPLOMAT THAT THE USSR WOULD NOT RISK A NUCLEAR WAR SHOULD NATO OCCUPY THE LIBYAN OIL FIELDS, JALLUD SAID HE THOUGHT THIS STATEMENT CAME FROM A "SCATTER BRAIN" SINCE ALL NATO STATES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO AGREE TO SUCH A DECISION AND HE DOUBTED THAT WOULD EVER HAPPEN.
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